



Nantmel Community Council

Annual Report

2023/24

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Introduction

This annual report sets out to inform the residents of Nantmel about the activities undertaken by Nantmel Community Council during the 2023/24. It is based on the financial year 1st April – 31st March. The report contains a brief outline of the structure of the Council, an overview of the Council's activities throughout the year and a financial summary.

Contact

The Council does not have an office space and the Clerk works from home, the contact details for the council are:

Jane Johnston PSLCC, CiLCA (Wales)
Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer
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The Council

The Council consists of eight Members (Councillors) and the area does not have wards.

The Council elects a Chair and a Vice Chair at the council's Annual Meeting in May. The Council is supported by one part-time member of staff; the Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer who is currently Jane Johnston.

Members

The following members were in place during 2023/24

Clr Anne Bates	Chair
Clr Roger Lewis	Retired mid term
Clr John Price	Retired mid term
Clr Kelvyn Curry	
Clr John Morgan	
Clr Phil Bowen	
Clr Jeffrey Harris	
Clr Lucy Walton-Powell	

Services & Facilities

Nantmel Community Council provides the following services & facilities:

- Community Noticeboards
- Interpretation Board
- Kiosk Library
- Lease of Recreation Land (Nantmel)
- Community Website
- Community Facebook Page

Grants & Donations

The Council operates a grant system for the benefit of local groups who may apply for grant funding to carry out work for the benefit of members of the community within the electoral boundary of Nantmel.

The grants application system is open throughout the year. Applications must be submitted in writing to the Clerk containing as much supporting information as possible. The council has a limited budget allocation.

Below is a list of grants allocated during 2023/24

Group	Amount £	Purpose
St Marks Church	120	Grass Cutting & Grounds Maintenance
Nantmel Church	120	Grass Cutting & Grounds Maintenance
Dolau Nantmel Chapel	120	Grass Cutting & Grounds Maintenance
Carmel Church	120	Grass Cutting & Grounds Maintenance
Coronation Party	280	Coronation Party
Poppy Appeal	40	Poppy Wreath

Financial Information

a) Financial Summary

Budget Heading	Actual Expenditure 2023/24
Salary	3901
Clerk's Expenses/Home	200
Clerk's Training	0
SLCC Subs	0
Insurance	258
Audit Fees	269
Elections	0
PCC Land Lease	5
One Voice Wales Subs	126
Members Travel	0
Members Training	0
Members Allowance	0
Care Costs (Statutory)	0
Stationery	0
Photocopying	88
Meeting Room Hire	125
Zoom Hosting	48
Website	151
IT Back Up	425
Grants	725
Poppy Appeal	40
Bank Charges	54
Wayleave (Noticeboard)	25
Devolved Services	0

New Picnic Bench	153
War Memorial	0
School Building	0
Miscellaneous	284
Information Commissioner	35

b) **The Budget**

The Community Council raises its budget via the local government precept. The precept for 2023/24 equated to £10246 equating to £28.96 per annum per household.

Budget Monitoring

The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presents expenses/budget update reports to the council on a quarterly basis.

The Community Council is committed to using local contractors and suppliers wherever possible and believes in the value of the “Powys Pound.”

Council Financial Reserves

The Council holds financial reserves some of which are held within individual budget headings and others are held within general reserves. It is crucial the Council holds sufficient reserves to maintain its operations effectively and in preparation for future projects and services. A full list of financial reserves is provided to members at the end of each financial year (1st April.) These are also reported via the external audit process.

Facilities

During 2023/24 the Council continued to provide the following facilities:

- Noticeboards
- Interpretation Board
- Kiosk Library
- Picnic Table (Village)

Projects

During 2023/24 the Council worked on the following projects:

- Following the collapse of Broadway Partners the Council continued to liaise with Powys County Council with regard to Community High Speed Broadband.
- The Council continued with its plan for a new Community Hall and held several engagement events and took on the services of an Funder Finder.
- The Council continues to campaign for the Radnorshire Steam Roller and Living Van to be returned from Kington Quarry to the residents of Radnorshire under the ownership of Powys County Council.
- The Council facilitated funds for King Charles III’s Coronation party within the village.

Next Steps

The Community Council will now continue to work for the benefit of the community and work in developing a new build hall for use as a Community Hub.

The Council also invites ideas from local residents on projects to be developed within the community.

The Council will also continue to work on the Community Broadband scheme in liaison with Powys County Council.